



Water Safety

Young children are at greatest risk of drowning; the death rate for drowning is highest among children younger than age 5. About one third of drownings at home occur in the bathtub. But any standing water can be dangerous--in a pool, toilet, bucket or other places.

Water Safety Tips

- Never leave children alone near water – not even for a moment.
- Know that small children can drown in just an inch or two of water. When children are near the tub, toilet, buckets or pools, stay close enough to reach over and touch them.
- Always drain water from sinks and tubs after use. Also turn wading pools and buckets over after you've finished using them.
- Be sure your pool area is surrounded by a five-foot fence or wall on all four sides of the swimming pool. The gate of the fence should close and latch by itself.
- If your child visits a home with a pool, make sure it is safe. Grownups should be watching the children every minute.
- Children who are very young should also be closely watched by a grownup while bathing. The grownup should be close enough at all times to reach out and touch the child.

Pool Safety Tips

- Never prop open or disable a pool gate or latch.
- Keep a cordless, water resistant telephone near the pool with emergency numbers posted.
- Keep rescue equipment close to the pool area.
- Use plastic eating and drinking utensils around the pool area. Glass can break and could cause an injury.
- Store pool chemicals in a dry place away from other items and heat sources--and always lock up pool chemicals out of children's reach.
- Never swim alone. Even adults should swim with a buddy.



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